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TWO PLEAD GUILTY TO ROLES IN GAMBLING OPERATION THAT PROVIDED GAMBLING MACHINES TO AREA CLUBS AND RAN ILLEGAL CASINO

DAYTON – Phillip Roth, age 43, and his ex-stepmother, Beverly Roth, age 65, of Beavercreek, pleaded guilty in United States District Court here today to conspiracy to launder money in connection with their role in an illegal gambling operation.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio; Jose A. Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Criminal Investigation, Cincinnati Field Office; Keith L. Bennett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cincinnati Field Division; and Bruce May, Director of Greene County ACE Task Force announced the pleas entered today before United States District Judge Thomas M. Rose.

According to statements of facts filed with their plea agreements, Phillip Roth and Beverly Roth conspired with Robert Roth to operate an illegal gambling business with two main components. One component involved placing and operating gambling machines in private social clubs, businesses and establishments throughout Dayton and surrounding areas. The second component was an illegal gambling casino which Robert Roth operated at a private residence located at 3973 Rockfield Drive, in Beavercreek from approximately December 1994 to approximately January 2003.

Phillip Roth admitted that his primary role was to acquire and maintain the gambling machines that Roth operated at the social clubs and the Rockfield Drive casino. He was also responsible for collecting illegal gambling proceeds generated from the machines and depositing them into the bank accounts of several businesses established by Robert Roth to support the operation and expansion of the illegal gambling enterprise.

Beverly Roth's primary role was to manage the day to day operations of the Rockfield Drive casino.

In October 2006, Robert Roth, who is Phillip Roth's father and Beverly Roth's ex-husband, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to operate an illegal gambling business and to

one count of conspiracy to launder money. In May 2007, Robert Roth began serving a 20-month sentence in prison. He was also ordered to forfeit his interests in numerous pieces of real estate, vehicles, bank accounts, currency, gambling machines, and assorted electronic equipment.

Phillip Roth also agreed to forfeit his interests in real estate and cars associated with the gambling business.

Conspiracy to commit money laundering carries a maximum punishment of twenty years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$500,000 or twice the value of the property involved. Judge Rose set a sentencing hearing for October 3.

Lockhart commended the cooperative investigation by special agents of IRS-Criminal Investigation, FBI, and the Greene County ACE Task Force, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Mona Guerrier, who prosecuted the case.

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